

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 6, 8 and 11.

Kindly amend the remaining claims as follows and add new claim 20:

CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended): A telephone location system comprising:

an assisted [~~GPS~~] location determining telephone handset;

a telephone service provider providing assisted [~~GPS~~] telephone location services in communication with said handset, said service provider able to locate said handset when a user of said handset allows such location and unable to locate said handset when said user does not allow such location, said user being able to block location of said handset for a time duration determined by said user;

a consumer location service facility accepting a request from a consumer to locate a particular cellular handset, said consumer location service facility cooperating with said telephone service provider to determine a telephone handset location of said particular telephone handset when said user allows such determination; said consumer location service facility then communicating said telephone handset location to said consumer.

Claim 2. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said telephone handset location is returned to said consumer by verbal description.

Claim 3. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said telephone handset location is supplied to said consumer by means of a map.

Claim 4. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said consumer location facility communicates with said consumer by internet.

Claim 5. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said consumer location facility returns a longitude and latitude to said consumer.

Claim 6. (cancelled).

Claim 7. (currently amended): A method for providing consumers a telephone handset location of a permitting handset user comprising:

allowing a handset user to block handset location determination at all locations for a time duration determined by said handset user;

requesting a telephone handset location from a consumer service facility; said consumer service facility

requesting an assisted [GPS] service provider for a location of said handset; said assisted [GPS] service provider

determining the location of said handset if location determination is not blocked, said assisted [GPS] service provider

communicating the location of said handset to said consumer service facility;

receiving by the consumer the location of said handset from said consumer service facility.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9. (original): The method of claim 7 wherein said request is via the internet.

Claim 10. (currently amended): A consumer service that provides locations of permitting mobile telephones on demand from consumers for a fee, said consumer service comprising a means for communicating a consumer request for location of a mobile telephone to a mobile telephone service provider; a means for a user to block location of a mobile telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user; a means for receiving back from said mobile

telephone service provider a position of said mobile telephone; a means for converting said position to a relational position; means for providing said relational position of said mobile telephone to a consumer.

Claim 11. (cancelled).

Claim 12. (currently amended): The consumer service of claim 10 wherein said mobile telephone service provider uses assisted GPS to determine [~~said~~] longitude and latitude of said mobile telephone.

Claim 13. (currently amended): A method of providing consumers with [~~the~~]a current location of a cellular telephone where a consumer service bureau communicates with a plurality of mobile service providers comprising the steps of:

a cellular telephone user permitting location of a particular cellular telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user or blocking location of said particular cellular telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user;

a consumer requesting from the consumer service bureau
a current location of a particular mobile telephone by
providing a telephone number of the mobile telephone
to the consumer service bureau, whereby the consumer
agrees to pay a first predetermined fee to the
consumer service bureau for this service;

the consumer service bureau determining which mobile
telephone provider owns the telephone number provided
by the consumer;

the consumer service bureau requesting from the
determined mobile telephone provider the location of
the particular mobile telephone, whereby the consumer
service bureau agrees to pay a second predetermined
fee for this service to the mobile telephone provider;

the mobile telephone provider placing a location
request into its telephone system to locate the
particular mobile telephone;

the mobile telephone provider returning a position of
the particular mobile telephone to the consumer
service bureau if location of said mobile telephone
has not been blocked;

the consumer service bureau translating the returned
position of the particular mobile telephone to a
relational format if not in relation format;

the consumer service bureau returning the position of
the particular mobile telephone to the consumer [~~in~~
~~relational format or longitude and latitude~~].

Claim 14. (currently amended): The method of claim 13
further comprising the step of the mobile service provider
returning an error message to the consumer service bureau
if the particular mobile telephone cannot be located or [~~is~~
~~in privacy mode~~] location has been blocked.

Claim 15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14
wherein [~~said privacy mode~~] blocking of location [~~is~~
~~partial and~~] is controlled by [~~an~~] particular
identification [~~means~~] to allow location access to parties

presenting [~~the identification means~~] particular
identification.

Claim 16. (currently amended): The method of claim 15
wherein said particular identification [~~means~~] is a PIN
number.

Claim 17. (currently amended): A telephone location system
comprising a plurality of mobile telephones each with
capability of blocking location information for a time
duration determined by a user of said mobile telephone, and
a plurality of mobile service telephone providers pooling
location services wherein a consumer could request at least
one of said providers to locate a particular mobile
telephone and said [~~provide~~] providers could communicate
with [~~any~~] other of said providers to locate said mobile
telephone and return a location of the telephone to said
consumer if a user of said mobile telephone has not blocked
location information.

Claim 18. (original): The telephone location system of
claim 17 wherein at least one of said service providers

charges said consumer a fee for said return of said location.

Claim 19. (original): The telephone location system of claim 17 wherein one of said service providers charges another of said service providers an access fee for said return of said location.

Claim 20. (new): The telephone location service of claim 1 wherein said telephone service provider and said consumer location service facility are a single entity.